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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Project Resistance

1. The project described below is designated "Project Resistance"

2. On 7 December 1967, the Director of Security advised the C/SRS and the writer of the desire of the Deputy Director, Support, for a study of the student movement in the United States. The D/OS indicated the DD/S wished to brief the writer on what he desired from the study.

3. The same date, the DD/S briefed the writer on the desired content of the study. He indicated that he has been deluged with clippings and memoranda relating to confrontations with students on university campuses. Each of these has been a one-shot exposure and does not form an over-all picture of what is happening. He indicated he desires a study be made, using a scholarly approach and in the form of an OCI or DD/I type summary, to analyze the "sense of the movement", the "sense of student organizations," with a review of campus developments and a summation of them. He stated that he wished OS to get all the clippings on campus protests, probably using the material assembled by _____ as a research base.

4. Among the matters he desired covered are:

- +where there has been a confrontation against recruiters, etc.
- +the number of campuses affected
- +geographic concentration of disturbances, areas of heavy and of light concentration
- +identity of the organizations which are participating
- +a judgement of the activists involved, and the ability of the activists to exert influence on other students to attract them as followers; evaluation of the campus percentage strength of those influenced

5. The DD/S indicated that he had observed a transition taking place in the student protest movement. During the late fall of 1966 and the spring of 1967 he noted the demonstrations to be loosely put together. During the summer he noted no confrontation type activities. Yet in the fall the demonstrations showed a sense of organization, central direction, commonality of demonstrations and techniques, common or repeated phrassology in literature and materials. In essence: organization. The impression, he noted, became most evident in the demonstrations against the Secretary of State, when the student demonstrators produced bull horns, marshals, platoon leaders, mobile segments, etc. He is most concerned about this development.

6. The DD/S indicated that he sees the participants in three categories: the activist protestor; those willing to protest by participating in rallies and picketing who will not become activists; and the large group of those who gather as curiosity seekers who may be influenced or swept into the movement through

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7. He indicated he wished to know the psychology and commitment of the group, with the causes of protest separated out, such as the Vietnam conflict, the draft, pro-Communist ideology, etc. In essence: the different purposes of the components of the popular protest front. He desires to know the causes of the student unrest and protest which to date appear undefined, the concern about personal and national security and the personal insecurity. He desires a serious study in this area.

8. He wishes to know of the learning experience of the protest groups. He recalled that the New York Times recently included interviews of SDS members in New York City who claimed to have studied and learned from the tactics of the PROVOCS. (The writer noted that the Zengakuren influence has also been reported in the National Guardian.)

9. He stated that he does not want a series of memos of the nature of "John Doe, born such and such a date, affiliated with the blank organization cited as subversive pursuant to EO 10450." He wants the study to be more analytical. He indicated there was no need to concern ourselves with the activities of the U.S. National Student Association prior to the severing of ties with this Agency, but rather with the developments since that time.

10. The DD/S indicated that OS should get together a group, each person of which will work on an area of the problem. He indicated that what he has in mind will take a group to put together. He indicated OS should ask OCI for assistance in getting the material together.

11. The DD/S indicated that he wished to be advised when we can expect to complete the study as soon as we have examined the matter and determined what it will take.

12. The writer briefed the C/SRS and the D/OS on the DD/S' requirements. As a result, the writer's government agency and police liaison have been transferred to the SRS Digest discontinued, pending research on the Vietnam protest movement in support of CI Staff requirements placed in abeyance until the arrival shortly of a new assignee to the staff. Thus the writer can apply full-time to the DD/S request. per the U/OS, will handle the dealings with OCI.

will handle the support requirements, he indicated. Additional secretarial assistance will be provided SRS.

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